



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Issued by the Department of Transportation on April 13, 1998

NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN -- DOCKET OST-98-3728

This serves as notice to the public of the action described below, taken by the Department official indicated (no additional confirming order will be issued in this matter).

Applicant: **Compagnie Nationale Air France**

Date Filed: April 10, 1998

Relief requested: Exemption from 49 U.S.C. § 41301 to conduct scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail between France and Atlanta, GA.

If renewal, date and citation of last action: New authority

Applicant representative: V. Michael Straus 202-785-2242

Responsive pleadings: On April 13, 1998, Air France informed us that it had polled the parties served with its application and that none objected to our acting in advance of the normal answer date (April 27, 1998) or to the merits of the application itself.

DISPOSITION

Action: Approved

Action date: April 13, 1998

Effective dates of authority granted: April 13, 1998, thru April 13, 1999

Basis for approval (bilateral agreement/reciprocity): 1998 Memorandum of Consultations between the United States and France (1998 MOC).¹

Except to the extent exempted/waived, this authority is subject to the following terms, conditions, and limitations: Air France's foreign air carrier permit (Order 76-2-25), standard exemption conditions, and the 1998 MOC.

Special conditions/Partial grant/Denial basis/Remarks:

**Action taken by: Paul L. Gretch, Director
Office of International Aviation**

Under authority assigned by the Department in its regulations, 14 CFR Part 385, we found that (1) immediate action was required and was consistent with Department policy; (2) grant of the exemption was consistent with the public interest; and (3) grant of the authority would not constitute a major regulatory action under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975. To the extent not granted, we denied all requests in the referenced Docket. We may amend, modify, or revoke the authority granted in this Notice at any time without hearing at our discretion.

Persons entitled to petition the Department for review of the action set forth in this Notice under the Department's regulations, 14 CFR §385.30, may file their petitions within ten (10) days after the date of issuance of this Notice. This action was effective when taken, and the filing of a petition for review will not alter such effectiveness.

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<http://dms.dot.gov/general/orders/aviation.html>.*

¹ On April 8, 1998, the United States and France signed a Memorandum of Consultations (MOC) and initialed the text of a framework for a new Air Transport Agreement (Agreement). The MOC also noted the intentions of each Party to permit immediately, on the basis of comity and reciprocity, operations consistent with the terms of the Agreement.

